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This will be a familiar scene to delegates at the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in Chicago, Illinois, July 5-8. In the foreground is beautiful Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park, with the Conrad Hilton Hotel at the back. All convention sessions will be held in this fabulous hotel, one of the largest in the world, which is completely air conditioned.

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from the General Secretary

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IN THE WORLD OF TODAY

After two months and thirty-one thousand miles I am now back at the World's Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. These months were full of the wonders of modern day jet-age, along with the woes of using twenty-one airlines, each developed to varying degrees of efficiency, and more than twenty feet of air tickets. Christian Endeavor, in my thirty years of association with it, has given me some of the supreme joys of my life, but never any to match the indescribable moments of these past months. And I am grateful.

While the trip was made out of personal funds, I am happy to make this investment in Christian Endeavor, I am pleased that although it could technically be called a "vacation" trip, World's Union president Dr. Daniel A. Poling encouraged the idea of traveling in the name of Christian Endeavor. International president Dr. Clyde W. Meadows was quite ready to agree to my taking a single block of vacation this year. The other staff members, Phyllis Rike and Delno Brown, along with the headquarters associates, have been most helpful in sharing the burdens that attach to a working organization for such a long absence.

The trip was fast but it was delightful, and I hope profitable. There were the very good meetings with the Convention City Committee in Sydney, Australia, as we looked toward the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention there, August 16-21, 1962. In those lands where I had no Christian Endeavor contacts I saw first-hand the work of some of our American missionaries as they work side by side with local nationals in the spread of the Gospel. Such was the case in the Philippines where the Philippine Baptist Convention is doing a glorious work. In Lebanon there was the work of the Presbyterians where an evangelical educational ministry is a going concern. Raymond and Dorothy Weiss, formerly of Michigan Christian Endeavor Union, made me a happy guest of theirs in Beirut.

I suppose that I saw Christian Endeavor in as many forms as there were countries on my tour. Each was different, yet there was a oneness about all of them. The time in India was especially colorful, as was my visit to Burma. Pennsylvania Endeavorers will be happy to know that their missionary investment in India is reaping a real harvest, through the work of Mr. James D. Isaac, travelling secretary. But there was something about each contact that made it just as significant as any other. It is an inspiration to see the way our Portuguese and Spanish Christian Endeavorers are carrying on in spite of tremendous pressures and obstacles.

A high moment for me was the noon-day Christian Endeavor meeting in the little Protestant Church in the leper colony at Kalaupapa, on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. Here in the island paradise is one of the most radiant, ardent bands of Christian Endeavorers I have ever been privileged to meet. And week by week they carry on a program of worship and service that is in the finest tradition of Christian Endeavor.

Jerusalem during Holy Week was a great experience. The Good Friday procession along the Way of the Cross is something I shall never forget, with the teaming throng of thousands of worshipers. The procession took two and a half hours and indeed the sufferings of our Lord become very real to anyone who makes that pilgrimage. In Jerusalem I was privileged to spend several wonderful days with Carroll M. Wright and his Christian Herald Bible Lands Tour Party. A high spot in the week was the dawn service at the Garden Tomb where fifty-two of us felt the inspiration of an Easter Dawn Communion Service. The international papers carried headlines that this was the greatest Easter in Jerusalem since the trouble which divided the city. I'm glad I was a part of the celebration.

Space does not permit a detailed recital of all that I experienced. There were radio and TV interviews, meetings with bishops and archbishops, receptions with government and civic leaders, contacts with Protestant ecumenical leaders, and of course, the inevitable sight-seeing, through which one becomes acquainted with other lands. I returned with a strong conviction that Christian Endeavor is on the march in many places, a march that is more aggressive than we have permitted ourselves to believe. May God give us what we lack in vision to see the tasks, the opportunities, the responsibilities, that lie on every hand and in every land.

Harold Westerhoff

HOUSTON GROUPS TAKE TOP HONORS IN 1961 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

Albert H. Diebold Awards To Be Presented to Winning Societies During Closing Session of International Convention in Chicago

The winning societies in Christian Endeavor's tenth annual citizenship competition will be honored during the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, according to announcement by Delno W. Brown, citizenship director of the International Society.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to the winners on Saturday night, July 8, at the closing session of the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The speaker at the session is Dr. George K.

Schweitzer, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee.

Winners were judged on a completed citizenship activity, begun after March 1, 1960. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, and the manner in which the project implemented the folder, "What Is Christian Citizenship?"

Judges for the 1961 Citizenship Awards Program were: Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, Evangelical United Brethren minister of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. R. Owen Harrison, Christian

Endeavor leader of Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Edgar L. Mack, African Methodist Episcopal minister of Frankfort, Kentucky; and Richard H. Zimmerman, professor of engineering at Ohio State University of Columbus, Ohio.

Each of the winning societies listed on this page will receive a cash award as shown, plus an attractive plaque which may be displayed in the society meeting room. Representatives of the winning groups will be introduced to the delegates at the Chicago Convention.

THE WINNERS

FIRST AWARD

\$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$200)
for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Chicago Convention
Disciples Student Fellowship and Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Magnolia Christian Church, Houston, Texas

SECOND AWARD

\$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150)
for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Chicago Convention
Junior High Christian Endeavor Society, Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas

THIRD AWARD

\$100 in Cash

A.H.V.H. Club (Lifework Recruits Group), Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas

FOURTH AWARD

\$75 in Cash

Junior High Christian Endeavor Fellowship, First United Presbyterian Church, Camden, Ohio

FIFTH AWARD

\$50 in Cash

High School Christian Endeavor Society, Sunnyside Friends Community Church, Sunnyside, California

RUNNERS-UP IN FINALS

\$25 each in Cash

Senior Christian Endeavor Fellowship, Congregational Church of Eastford, Eastford, Connecticut

Union Wesley Christian Endeavor Society, Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.

High School Christian Endeavor Society, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois

Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, Providence Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Missouri

Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, Victor Street Presbyterian Mission, St. Louis, Missouri

Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society, First Church of Evans, Derby, New York

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Covington United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio

High School Christian Endeavor Society, Prescott Avenue United Brethren in Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio

Junior Christian Endeavor Society, First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Luther League, Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Edgewood Christian Endeavor Society, Edgewood Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Melrose Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia

PLAQUES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO EACH OF THE GROUPS LISTED ABOVE

THE WINNING CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

Audio-Visual Presentation Is a Study of Local Social Problems

A REPORT OF THE PROJECT

(Prepared by Major Carl Henderson, III, member of the Disciples Student Fellowship of Magnolia Christian Church and a 21-year-old student at the University of Houston. The Kodachrome slides for the presentation were taken by Mr. Henderson.)

Last summer, under the direction of our summer youth director, Dwight Lindsley of Texas Christian University, the young people of this church decided to make a study of social problems of our city as a project for the summer. We started out by making a survey of the immediate neighborhood surrounding our church, and then branched out to other neighborhoods.

A series of slides were made, some discarded, and others made. The finished set of slides were shown to our congregation at an evening service of the church the latter part of August. Although many favorable comments were received, the youth decided they wanted to further revise the slides, and add to them. The first part of September, we started out to do this. Our youth director, who is a student at Texas Christian University, had to return to his studies, so we were more or less on our own in continuing this study.

At the monthly rally of the Harris County Christian Endeavor Union at our church in November, the slides were again shown as a part of the program. Again it was decided that they could be somewhat improved. The studies continued, and the last of the slides were made this January. The slides were shown to the Disciples Student Fellowship and the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of our church, and they were finally accepted as complete.

The Disciples Student Fellowship is our college-age young people, all of whom are under 24 years of age, including our youth director, who was just 21 last summer. We work in connection with the Senior Christian Endeavor group, as our church is rather small, and both groups are very congenial in their relationships.

This study has awakened us to some conditions in our community that we feel can be corrected by Christian people, and has also shown us some of the good our church, along with other Christian groups, is doing, some ways we can help make our community more Christian.

SHOULD WE WORRY?

(Excerpts from the script prepared by the winning group for use with a set of 2x2 Kodachrome slides of scenes in and around Houston.)

This is the skyline of our city, the city which we like, the city to which we pay taxes. This is the city that is responsible for us and for which we are responsible. Have we succeeded in making our city a Christian city?

We may think we have, for when we pass through the city we see many signs like this that tell people who we are, where we meet, the name of our pastor and sometimes his Sunday sermon topic. But is the name of our church right? Magnolia CHRISTIAN Church? Does this sign merely give a name to this building? Is this the church or only the church building? What are we, the people, like inside the church? Are we too concerned with our own problems to be concerned with others?

What have we done to rid our city of movie houses like this that show nothing but sex movies? Some of these pictures may be shocking to be brought into a church sanctuary, and some people may rebel against it. But if we won't look outside our sanctuary into the world, then we must bring the world into our sanctuary. After all, the whole world is God's sanctuary; should it be discolored when we falsely decorate our own sanctuary with pride and indifference to others?

Have we been working effectively to eliminate houses such as this—houses of suspected prostitution? It seems that we have refused to talk to people seriously enough to convert them from these places. Can't we in the church interest people enough to keep them from these places?

Isn't this a good sight for our children to see? "Have fun with your thirst." Yes, take a drink and just see how much fun it is . . . see how soon you may become like this man is. He had "fun" with his thirst . . . and here he is the next morning . . . still having "fun" by "sleeping it off" in an alley.

This is the only liquor advertisement we found that tells the complete truth . . . "It leaves you breathless" . . . as it did the people who rode with this driver.

How would you like to live in a neighborhood like this, a neighborhood where disease can spread rapidly. No, Negroes here don't mind it. They have been forced to live like this almost since they were brought here on slave ships to be sold like animals.

They don't mind shopping in this "splinter village" either. Of course, the buildings and houses you see aren't theirs . . . they belong to some white owner. Don't worry about *him*, the rental that he receives keeps him well fed. His rent is probably twice as high for these buildings as that any white man is charged in proportion to the condition of the building.

But this is false information. Could these really exist in the shadow of the skyscrapers? The shadow of City Hall? Here in this land of freedom and equality?

If we could only tear down our old wall of indifference as easily as these buildings could be torn down, what a wonderful place our church could take in the Kingdom of God.

The following photographs are pictures of what can be done if people really care. It is being done today and our church helping.

Here are some low-rent Negro apartments that help to take the Negroes out of the shanties. These are the San Felipe Courts which are low-rent apartments for non-Negroes.

Here is the lobby and sitting room for elderly people in Holly Hall, a home for the aged. Immediately beyond this room is the beautiful chapel. The people of Holly Hall are extremely fond of this spot. It gives them much strength and hope.

As you turn to leave, once again you see breathtaking beauty in the rear of the chapel . . . Christ's Cross with the light streaming in, and once again we see a point of hope and comfort and strength for the elderly people.

Perhaps some of you know someone like this lady. She is 93 years old, and at one time attended our church. People like her love to have visitors, and the photographer found out that it is good experience to visit them.

In downtown Houston is the Star of Hope Mission which is literally a "star of hope" to these men. This is really a tragic picture to us. While we were taking this picture the men left or changed seats so that they would not have their pictures taken. They were broken in spirit, but have too much pride to have anyone make fun of them. The man nearest the camera wanted to look at us, but yet he feared the camera. One of these men could be your father . . . or son . . . or husband . . . or even YOU.

As you enter the Mission this water fountain greets you, with the Scripture John 4:13,14.

These men are fed fifty at a time in this hall, and in this spotless kitchen food is prepared for 19,000 meals each month. In the evening, vespers are held in this chapel which is the true "star of hope" to most of the men. Many of them find their way to the prayer rail and open their hearts to God and ask His help.

Can we be proud of our work? Can these youth have a stable and Christian future? Will they help promote Christ's Kingdom?

Do magnificent chapels such as this give good training in Christian witness? Do we in our church? Does the cross as in Holly Hall stand prominent in our lives?

Organizations such as the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. do much to help, but are we giving them our full support?

Is OUR city Christian?

Top Projects in Pictures ...

SECOND PLACE award went to the Junior High Society of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, for their December project, with this theme: "The True Spirit of Christmas Is Christ—Not Alcohol." The group, composed mostly of 7th and 8th graders, made posters for the church bulletin boards and a large theme banner for display in the Junior High department. Members spoke before the adult Sunday school classes, calling attention to a special bulletin board which had been prepared by the youth and placed in the church foyer. This included informative materials on the evils of alcohol and the effects of alcohol during the holiday season. A mimeographed poster was distributed personally to local businesses and letters from the members were sent to firms urging that they remember the true spirit of Christmas and eliminate the use of alcohol at Christmas parties.



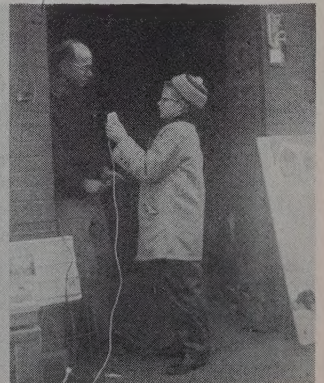
LEFT—Janice Redden, Larry Hanby, and Sandra Marshall with bulletin board on effects of alcohol, placed in church foyer; RIGHT—Lynn Ann Bryant gives posters to clerk for display at a local store, while Linda Payne looks on.



LEFT—Decorated cars formed a parade through the community, passing schools and places frequented by teen-agers; RIGHT—Youth congratulate Robert Cloud following his message at the closing service of the youth revival.

A YOUTH REVIVAL merited third place honors for the young people in the M.H.V.H. Club of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. This group is made up entirely of lifework recruits from the various age level Christian Endeavor societies in the church. Planning for the revival, held November 6-9, began in late July. All details were in the hands of young people. The project included varied publicity, culminating in a parade of decorated cars through the community two days before the revival. Program details were worked out carefully in advance, with approximately fifteen youth (including the speakers) participating each evening. Visitation by age groups and a prayer chain the three days before the revival began were important parts of the project. Theme for the meetings was: "Christ Calls Youth—Through Surrender, Commitment, Dedication, and Service."

"ATTEND WORSHIP" was the theme for the project which brought fourth place honors to the Junior High Christian Endeavor Fellowship of First United Presbyterian Church in Camden, Ohio. The fifteen members sponsored "Religion in American Life Month" in their community of 1,440 during November. Publicity materials were ordered; 30 posters were placed in local businesses, doorknob reminders on every home, and postcards distributed throughout the town. Supplementing these efforts were door stickers, prayer cards in the school cafeteria, and newspaper publicity. To urge attendance at the community Thanksgiving service, a "dial-day" phoning campaign to every home and distribution of invitations to a basketball game were used. Attendance was double the usual crowd. Street interviews on worship were tape recorded in the downtown area and used as a basis for study by the group.



LEFT—Gay Johnson and Barbara Evans distribute postcards in the community; CENTER—Phil Bruner places hanger on doorknob; RIGHT—John Brubaker talks with Mr. Shank, variety store owner, during street interviews on worship.

Variety of Projects Entered in Awards Program

Activities entered in the 1961 Citizenship Awards Program were evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, and the manner in which they implement the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" Areas of concern suggested in this folder are: home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of the Lord's Day.

Activities entered in this year's Awards Program covered a wide variety of citizenship emphases. Here are resumes of the award-winning projects, in addition to the top four, which are covered on previous pages of this issue.

Assignment Narcotics

The only group to major on narcotics was the *High School Society of Sunnyside Friends Community Church of Sunnyside, California*. For their efforts they were awarded fifth place. Narcotics is a very real threat in the area. To carry out "Assignment Narcotics," this group held a meeting February 2 on drug addiction. Much informative material was secured and displayed. The film, "Teen-Age Dope Addict," was shown and Rev. Wayne Reid, an ex-convict, spoke. Society members prepared a filmstrip and tape recording, "Teen-Agers Anonymous," on the subject of narcotics, which they gave at this meeting.

Interracial Understanding

Fourteen junior high and senior high youth in the society at *First United Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ohio*, chose as their project an effort to develop interracial understanding and Christian responsibility. The four-step program on the Sunday evenings in January began with a discussion on race prejudice. This was followed by a movie on "An Epistle from the Koreans"; an interracial meeting with 23 guests from a Negro church in a neighboring town; and, on the last Sunday, a summary meeting.

Thank God for Freedoms

A Thanksgiving service on the theme, "We Thank God for Our Freedoms," was held by the *Senior Society of Melrose Christian Church in Roanoke, Virginia*. Ten young people participated in the program, two in costume. Four "freedoms" were discussed, followed by a talk on "Christ Gives Us Freedom." A fellowship hour concluded the early morning service.

Christian Citizenship Float

A float depicting Christian citizenship was entered in the Fall Festival parade at near-by Louisiana last August by the *Young People's Society of Providence Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Missouri*. Theme was "Citizenship That Builds a Nation." The entire group worked on the float and also participated in a special citizenship service held at the church on the following Sunday.

Multiple Projects

Several groups emphasized various citizenship projects throughout the year, rather than one large project. "Christian Citizenship Through Civic Responsibility" was the theme for the *Young People's Society of Victor Street Presbyterian Mission in St. Louis, Missouri*. Monthly activities helped senior citizens, particularly shut-ins, and also orphans.

The projects planned by youth of *Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.*, included a poster contest in which 36 members participated; visits to the sick each Sunday evening after church services; monthly birthday parties for church members celebrating birthdays during the month; a "Climb Every Step" campaign in which every home within ten blocks of the church was visited and young people invited to a special youth banquet; the banquet itself, called "An Evening of Happiness"; and an educational program on "The World Today."

The only Junior group entering the competition also selected a number of projects, under the slogan, "Christian Citizenship Involves Sharing of All Resources." The *Juniors from First Presbyterian Church in Ambridge, Pennsylvania*, observed "Know Your America Week" in November; supported a motherless child in Kentucky and gave toward the support of a school girl in North Carolina; distributed food baskets at Christmas; helped with various church dinners; and held an interracial meeting.

Cards to Formosa

Packing and sending used Christmas greeting cards to a missionary in Formosa was the project selected by the *High School Society of Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois*. The cards were sorted and packed by 22 members of the group. Eight thousand cards, in 25 boxes and weighing approximately 90 pounds, were shipped.

Delegates to Convention

A Christian Endeavor Fair for the community was sponsored by the youth of *Edgewood Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia*, last July. A total of \$77.28 was raised to send delegates to the Virginia Christian Endeavor Convention. Since the state convention had to be canceled, five delegates were sent to the Roanoke Union Retreat and seven to a state meeting in the fall at Waynesboro.



Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, judge in the Citizenship Awards Program, carefully studies each entry. Judging took place at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

"Get-Out-the-Vote" Campaign

High School Endeavorers of Prescott Avenue United Brethren in Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio, concentrated their efforts on a campaign to "Get-Out-the-Vote." Members sponsored a free babysitting service at the church on Election Day. Announcement was made through the schools in the area, in the newspapers, and on radio and television. School children were given flyers to take home. Workers were scheduled for the day, with ladies of the church providing adult supervision.

"No Next-Door Stable, This!"

Concerned over the increasing commercial emphasis at Christmas, the *Luther League of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania*, planned an outdoor lawn nativity drama. The minister wrote the script, entitled "No Next-Door Stable, This!" The members, all teen-age youth, made panoramic scenery for the church lawn, 200 feet long. Over 90 young people, including the Youth Choir, participated in the drama. Live animals were included. Given each Sunday night in December, the drama attracted over 1,000 persons; the \$300 received in offerings was given to overseas relief.

Operation Library

Intermediates of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, decided to renovate the church library and open it to the community. Not used for several years, the library required 15 hours of work before the 1,600 books were in good order again. The library will be open to the public twice a week. Contributions of religious and reference books are being sought.

Adding suitable books for youth to the newly-organized church library was one part of the two-fold project of the *Senior Christian Endeavor Fellowship of the Congregational Church of Eastford, Connecticut*. The second half of their activity was sending a contribution for the care and support of a leper orphan in the Sudan. Funds for these projects were secured from two "food baskets" going through the church community, which raised \$24.25, and a January food sale, netting \$15.66. An essay on "Into All the World Together" was sent to the local paper.



Reviewing entries are (left to right) Richard H. Zimmerman, Mrs. R. Owen Harrison, and Rev. Edgar L. Mack, judges, and Delno W. Brown, citizenship director.



Harold Westerhoff Visits Endeavorers Overseas



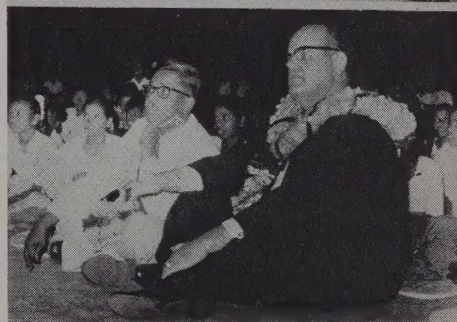
When Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society and the World's Union, flew to Hawaii from Los Angeles on February 19, he began a 52-day journey which took him around the world. In every area he was warmly welcomed by friendly Endeavorers. When he returned to New York City on April 11 he had an inspiring story to tell of Christian Endeavor in many countries. Photos on this page represent the early portion of his trip.

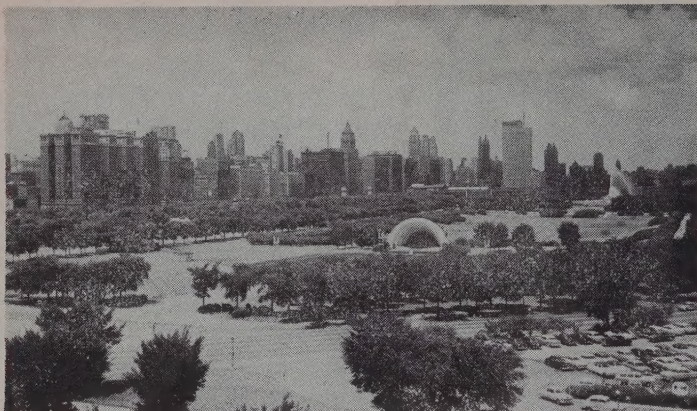
NEW ZEALAND—*Top Left*—Posing with a rally announcement sign outside Auckland Baptist Tabernacle are Mr. Westerhoff (left) and Murray F. Smith (center), national secretary, and Rev. G. Morrison Yule (right), national president. *Top Right*—Three surviving members of the first New Zealand society formed in 1891 at Ponsonby Baptist Church in Auckland are Agnes Cato (86), Mrs. F. W. May (89), and Samuel Barry (85). They were guests at a welcome tea for Mr. Westerhoff.

JAPAN—*Left Top*—Mr. Westerhoff shares a meal with youthful Endeavorers of Tokyo Union at Hijiriga-Oka Church; *Left Bottom*—The Board of Directors of the Japan Union met with Mr. Westerhoff. Shown are: Seated (left to right)—Mr. Ebizawa, Mr. Oku, Mr. Westerhoff, and Kojiro Hata, chairman; Standing—Mr. Sawada, Rev. Izumi Watanabe, field secretary, Mr. Inagaki, Mr. Mizuno, and Bishop Yoshimune Abe, president.

INDIA—*Right Top*—A welcome procession with over 1,000 Endeavorers goes round the compound at St. Andrew's High School, Arkonam; *Right Second*—Endeavorers from eleven pastorates enjoy tea honoring Mr. Westerhoff, who is shown eating an Indian sweet called langeri; *Right Third*—Rev. Titus Ebenezer, president of the India Union, wears presidential chain as he welcomes Mr. Westerhoff; *Right Bottom*—Mr. Westerhoff and Rev. James D. Isaac, traveling secretary of the India Union, sit with Junior Endeavorers to watch a demonstration during the Velachari, Madras, Rally.

KOREA—*Bottom Left*—Korean Endeavorers greet Mr. Westerhoff at Kimpo Airport; *Bottom Second*—Jong Sup Hahm, general secretary of Korean Union, presents Christian Endeavor publication to Mr. Westerhoff at reception party at Yongnak Church in Seoul; Stephen S. Hyun, interpreter, is at right; *Bottom Third*—Mr. Westerhoff surrounded by Korean teen-age Endeavorers, part of the crowd of 2,500 at a rally which he addressed; *Bottom Right*—Myong Han Kim (left), chairman of the Youth Department and his brother, Han Kim (right), chairman of the Korean Union, with Mr. Westerhoff.





Chicago Calling!

Mark these dates on your calendar: July 5-8, 1961

The place: Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Purpose: 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention

Great days are ahead for Christian Endeavorers in Chicago this July!

Thousands of youth from the United States, Canada, and Mexico, will converge on the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, on July 4, to be on hand for the opening of the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

From the first session Wednesday morning, July 5, through the great closing meeting on Saturday night, July 8, convention delegates will be given inspiring fare. Outstanding Christian leaders will be featured as speakers and other program participants.

Meet the Speakers

DR. CLYDE W. MEADOWS, president of the International Society, is scheduled for the keynote address Wednesday morning. Minister of the King Street United Brethren in Christ Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Dr. Meadows is well known as an outstanding speaker and song leader. He was elected to head the International Society in 1959 at the convention in Philadelphia.

The speaker at the Wednesday evening session will be DR. DANIEL A. POLING of New York City, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine. Beloved by Endeavorers the world around, Dr. Poling succeeded Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder, as president of both the International Society and the World's Union. He is the author of a number of books, the

most recent being "Jesus Says to You" which was released this year.

MYRON J. TAYLOR, minister of Central Church of Christ in Portsmouth, Ohio, will speak on Thursday evening. Mr. Taylor served Boulevard Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio, before assuming his present pastorate this April. Popular as a youth speaker, Mr. Taylor has carried on extensive evangelistic work.

In 1958 he was one of the speakers at the North American Christian Convention in Portland. While in high school Mr. Taylor was president of the Christian Endeavor society in his home church at Duhring, West Virginia. Outside interests include baseball, books, and classical music.

Friday evening's speaker is evangelist BILLY GRAHAM. A North Carolinian, Dr. Graham has received recognition both in America and abroad as one of the most powerful evangelists in history. Since the spectacular meeting in Los Angeles in 1949, he has conducted crusades in many of the major cities of the United States and in many foreign countries, attended by more than twenty-five million persons. His ministry includes a weekly radio program, "The Hour of Decision," heard by millions; a daily newspaper column, "My Answer," and a monthly magazine, DECISION.

At the great closing session of the convention DR. GEORGE K. SCHWEITZER will speak. This young scientist is associate professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and is also research radiochemist with the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge. His duties include teaching and directing research in the field of nuclear chemistry. A member of First Baptist Church, he is active as a Sunday school teacher and has been faculty advisor for the Baptist Student Unions in the area for over 10 years. Dr. Schweitzer's special interest is in natural science and its relation to Christian faith. He has participated in over 50 college religious convocations and weeks and conducted spiritual emphasis meetings in numerous churches. Dr. Schweitzer's hobbies including swimming, motion-picture photography, and music.

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With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)



Looking Ahead In Summertime By Bert H. Davis

WHAT shall we experience and share in this summer that will help our church during the months ahead?

The Young Adult, or Adult, will worship in unfamiliar sanctuaries as vacations, or visits friends or takes overnight trips. Each of us will be sharing ideas with church folk of other areas, as in conventions and conferences, and also informally. One may catch up too on serious reading.

Let us enter the summer weeks with a resolution to keep alert to the needs and concerns of the home church. We could find that in summertime we prepare well for the fall and winter activities of a Young Adult/Adult group and other forms of church work.

Seek these benefits in the summer months:

1. Be *refreshed*. The best vacationing is active, not idle. Away from the usual routines, we enjoy new scenes and new associations, find more time for crafts and hobbies, enlarge our physical activities. Mental and physical batteries are recharged, and we should recharge the spiritual cells as well. Now we'll take time for more extended early-morning devotions, spare extra moments to make notes on what we think about after our Bible reading. Many among us will pack with vacation gear at least one book of religious significance, apart from our Bible. Then, with workaday schedules cast aside, we'll set aside some time every day for serious reading.

2. Plan *re-enlistment, recommitment*. If you and your associates are planned wisely, you will find summertime activities in your church stimulating. (See THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, June-July 1957, page 12; June-July 1956, page 10.) In free moments, lean back in your chair for the wide look at your own life in relation to your church. Try to reappraise what you can and should do in participation, service and leadership. Get ready for new involvement, enlarged influence, unswerving loyalty. Determine that your Master and His Church can count on you.

3. Be ready to *recruit, renew, and regroup* in Young Adult/Adult activities and other church programs. The informal pattern of summertime in most communities makes it easy to stroll over to the Browns' home, admire the flowers and remind Jim and Joan how welcome they'll be in the group's meetings now and in the fall. You'll meet many people at the playground, swimming pool and golf course, and it's good to bring the church and its opportunities in worship, fellowship and service into the conversation. As an officer or leader in any form of church work, set aside at least one summer weekend for sessions of planning. This can be a *treat*, calling the group into different surroundings for spiritual refreshment and well planned program-building—an experience which renews and energizes the Christian lay ministry of Young Adults and Adults.

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee: Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Jay Sheffield

Overcoming Prejudices

1. God Pardons

Psalms 103:11-19; Matthew 18:23-35

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant illustrates the way in which God pardons and overcomes prejudices. The servant who was forgiven the debt of ten thousand talents (about ten million dollars) took his fellow servant who owed him about twenty dollars and threw him into prison. Point out that the debt of ten million dollars was a debt impossible of payment and represents our transgressions before God. Humanity's sin has brought a debt it cannot pay, and God's forgiveness of that debt is the result of His grace. God forgives us of our sins, but we are not so charitable toward our fellow men. Discuss instances of our uncharitableness and seek corrective measures.

2. Man's Extremity—God's Opportunity

Romans 7:14-25; Micah 6:1-8

Man is in need of God. He is a stranger, a pilgrim, a wanderer. The distressing situation is that he is often indifferent to his need. We must be concerned with what we can do to change the situation. On a chalkboard write four headings: *Opportunity, Attitude, Approach, Application*. Under the first heading list special types of persons who need to be won to Christ: migrant workers, members of other races, residents of slum areas, etc. In the other columns write out the attitude, approach, and applications in such evangelistic endeavors. Outline definite plans to fulfill the needs.

Movements toward Unity

1. With One Accord

Acts 15:25; Ephesians 2:14-22; John 17:11-23

Christ prayed that His followers might be one. His love binds Christians together in "oneness" and transcends all barriers. Are we really ONE? Space travel increasingly brings the world closer together, making it necessary for all mankind to dwell together in unity. Christian Endeavor is a world-wide movement giving such direction for living. While some "preach" Christian unity, Christian Endeavor is one movement that "practices" Christian unity. Is Christian Endeavor promoting unity in your church and community? Is there a Christian Endeavor society for all age groups? If not, you have an opportunity to organize and sponsor additional societies, giving leadership to this Christ-centered movement toward unity.

2. One Lord, One Faith

Psalms 133; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:1-13

Slowly evangelical churches are moving toward unity. While their ritual and dogma may differ, Christians worship one Lord, and movements promoting oneness in worshipping one Lord strengthen the one faith. Christian unity helps combat the spread of Communism. Church councils serve as clearing houses on propaganda seeping into some churches and care for other community needs. Benevolent homes have been established jointly by local denominations. National and state councils of churches undertake problems of caring for the hungry and sick. Cooperation on mission fields has long furthered unity. Union services and observance of special days are steps toward unity. Serving one Lord, churches have many opportunities of working for unity. How is your group participating?



One God and Father

No. 1 in a Series: "Foundation Facts"

John 4:24

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs*

To the Leader

This is an opportunity to express yourself, to do a good service, and to share with others some of the good ideas which you have. Prepare yourself thoroughly so that the program will move smoothly to a satisfying close. See that those who are to take part have their assignments early enough that they will do well and everybody will be pleased with the meeting. If you are not experienced in leading, do your best and ask God to guide you as you preside.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude (quiet music)
Call to Worship: O let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let us bow down before the Lord, our Maker.
Invocation
Hymns: *This Is My Father's World*; *In the Service of the King*; and *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Scripture Reading: John 4:24; Ephesians 4:1-6
Prayer Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Sentence Prayers, led by _____ and closed by _____
Leader's Talk
Two-Minute Talks
Questions for Discussion
Special Music
Consecration Service
Announcements and Benediction

Leader's Talk

Tonight we begin a new series of studies on "Foundation Facts." The first of these facts is that we have "one God and Father." When we were youngsters, we learned simple stories of Abraham, Joseph, David, and Daniel in the Old Testament, and stories of Jesus and the apostles in the New Testament. But there are deeper things which teen-agers ought to know. The writer of Hebrews rebuked the Christians of the first century for stopping with the simple teachings. He said, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat" (Hebrews 5:12).

Now I'm sure we don't want to stay on the bottle all our lives, and so tonight let us delve into a study of God, the Father. People have strange ideas about God. Some think of Him as a cloud or a bit of vapor floating around in the sky; others think of Him as a shadow or a ball of fire. He is none of these. "God is a Spirit," the Bible tells us. He is a real Person, and the Father

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does God speak to us?
2. How can we know God?
3. What does it mean to love God?
4. What does God expect of us as His children?
5. Does God take a personal interest in us?
6. How is God to be worshiped?

of our own spirits. We can't see Him, but yet He is real. Neither can anybody see our spirit, which is our basic self, but yet we know very well that we are real. Let us now reverently see what we can learn about our Father who is in heaven.

Two-Minute Talks

1. (*Please tell in your own words.*) How do we know there is a God? This problem faces us at the very beginning. We know that there can't be a thing created without a creator. We have all about us a wonderful world which could not have come into existence *by chance*. We can find the evidence of God in a drop of water which is filled with protozoa that have to be magnified hundreds of times under a microscope to be seen, and we see the handiwork of God in the millions of worlds out in space. One day Napoleon's officers were arguing about the existence of God, when he spoke up and said, "But, gentlemen, who made those stars?" It takes someone greater than man to do that. It takes a supreme Mind, all-wise and all-powerful, and we call Him "God."

2. (*Please tell in your own words.*) What is God like? We expect children to be like their parents, and the Bible tells us we have been created in the image of God. Man, then, is like God. He has the four things which constitute personality: reason, will, affection, and conscience. This makes him different and higher than the animals. He can have fellowship with God, think His thoughts, and grow into His likeness. Just as a boy each day becomes more like his father, so we can grow daily into the spiritual likeness of God.

3. (*Please tell in your own words.*) Why does God seem unreal? It is because we cannot see Him. A little girl who didn't want to go to bed in the dark began to cry, and her mother said, "Don't be afraid, darling; God will be with you." "Yes," said the little girl, "but I want someone with a face." It was because ancient peoples wanted to see someone with a face that they made horrible images and called them "God." Jehovah, however, forbade that, for nobody could picture Him who had not seen Him. He knew that if people would have fellowship with Him that He would become real.

4. (*Please tell in your own words.*) We think of God as being omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; that is, all-powerful, all-knowing, and always present. How powerful is God, who hangs our little world in space, and gives it a *three-way* motion!

It turns on its axis at the rate of more than 1,000 miles per hour to provide day and night; it travels more than a million and a half miles per day around the sun to provide the seasons; and while all that is going on, our whole solar system is dashing through space at the rate of 18½ miles per second toward the constellation of Hercules. God knows everything, even our secret thoughts. And He is also available everywhere in a moment's time. His spirit pervades the universe as our spirit pervades the body. It is wonderful to have such a Creator!

5. (*Please tell in your own words.*) We expect a father to be good, kind, and understanding, and God is all that. He is the one who forgives all our sins and heals our diseases, declared David long ago. You people today may say, "My parents just don't understand me," but God does. Just as the man who designs a motor understands it, and the architect who plans a house understands it, so God who made the universe knows all our hopes, fears, and weaknesses, and is ready to forgive our mistakes if we truly repent of them.

6. (*Please tell in your own words.*) God guides His children if we will allow Him to do so, and, like a good Father, disciplines us when we go astray. We ought to thank God for having sent the Holy Spirit, who is a real Person, to be our helper, teacher, comforter, and guide. He will help us solve our problems, and we ought to depend on Him daily. Best of all is the revelation of God's love, expressed in the sending of Jesus to make atonement for our sins and to bring us the blessing of everlasting life. Heathen peoples never knew of a God of love and worshiped only because of fear. How glad we are to know such a loving Father!

7. (*Please tell in your own words.*) Eventually God intends that we shall see Him personally and live in His presence. Thus, all our experiences here are part of our preparation for eternal life with God. At death we lay aside the old physical body to transfer to a new spiritual body fitted for life in a spiritual realm. No longer will we be earth-bound, but we will be free to travel in God's great expanses of outer space.

Consecration Service

Plan 1: Sing the first stanza of *My Jesus, I Love Thee*. In smaller societies, as the roll is called with heads bowed and eyes closed, ask each to respond to his name by citing some blessing which he has received from God, the Father. Close with prayer of consecration.

Plan 2: In large societies, ask someone to give a five-minute illustrated talk with pictures or posters featuring "The Power of God" (a waterfall); "The Majesty of God" (a rugged mountain); and "The Agleness of God" (giant redwoods). Close with the first stanza of *My Jesus, I Love Thee* and a prayer of consecration.

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"I Know Not the Man"

No. 1 in a Series: "Snapshots of Peter"

Matthew 26:33-35,69-75



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 4

Comments by Rev. Edgar L. Mack*

For the Counselor

Call together the Junior High officers for an informal talk about having a strong summer program and avoiding a summer drag. Talk over the series of four topics on Peter in the light of your needs and resources. It's summertime, and happy times are here again! If any Junior Highs are going to attend summer camps and conferences, ask your minister to help you plan a special consecration and commission service for them. This will help increase expectation, interest, and enthusiasm for your whole summer program.

Promoting Your Meeting

Plan a brief skit or playlet to promote your meeting before this topic is presented. This may be done in Sunday school or some other meeting in which Junior Highs are present. Use this skit according to your situation and needs. Three girls or three boys or a mixed trio may present it.

1st: Where are you going?

2nd: To our Junior High Christian Endeavor meeting!

1st: What's so exciting about that?

2nd: We're going to take snapshots of a great man who has been nicknamed "The Big Fisherman." Have you heard of him?

1st: Yes, but I would like to learn more about him.

(3rd person enters carrying a camera and Bible.)

1st: And where are you going?

3rd: To our Junior High Christian Endeavor meeting! Haven't you heard?

1st: But what do you intend to do with the camera and Bible?

3rd: We are going to take snapshots of the apostle Peter directly from the Bible. We call it Bible study.

1st: Well, this *does* sound interesting and new. When do you meet?

(Give details of your meeting.)

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Period

Confession of Christ: Matthew 16:16

Invocation

Songs: *Blessed Assurance, I Love to Tell The Story, and Dear Lord and Father of Man-kind*

Announcements and Offering

Scripture: Matthew 26:33-35,69-75

Sentence Prayers

Song: *Just As I Am*

Topic Presentation

Questions for Discussion

Consecration Service

Closing Song: *Jesus Calls Us*

Benediction

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AIMS

1. To study the intimate associations of Peter with Jesus, especially his denial.
2. To realize the need of Junior Highs to be careful that their lives do not deny the Lordship of Jesus.
3. To become aware of the importance of open confession of Christ.

For the Leader

Encourage each youth to bring his Bible and read directly from it the passages that deal with the life of Peter. Find out all you can about the life of Peter from the Gospels and the Book of Acts.

The person and work of Peter are very exciting. He is the only person in the Bible bearing this name. Peter's father was named Jonas or John (Matthew 16:17; John 1:42, 21:15-17). We do not know his mother's name. Peter lived in Bethsaida, a fishing village or suburb of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee (John 1:44). The hospitality of his home was well known (Matthew 8:14, 15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38,39).

Leader's Introduction

Today's snapshot is a profile of the life of Peter. Peter became a remarkable leader among the disciples. Sometimes he was up, and sometimes he was down, but he kept trying to be more like Jesus.

Some of the nicknames that have been given to Peter show some of his true greatness. Let's see how many we can name. A famous author called him "The Big Fisherman." Another writer called him "The Prince of Apostles." Can you name others?

He is known by four different names in the New Testament. They are "Peter," "Simon," "Cephas," and "Symeon." "Cephas" is equivalent to the Greek *petros*, "rock." "Rock" is symbolic of the man's strong and vigorous character.

1st Speaker—Jesus Meets Peter

When we think of a saint we usually think of someone who is not human and wears a halo to show perfection. Peter was a *real* saint! He was an ordinary man. He worked as a crude and rough fisherman. His speech was often vain. At times he lost his temper and said things that he didn't mean. Peter was human. He was a real man. The fact that Peter had weaknesses to overcome shows that we do not have to be a hero in order to have faith in Christ and to serve Him.

Jesus went about His ministry by calling men into an intimate and personal friendship with Him rather than by writing books. Jesus called Peter to become a fisher of men. He wanted Peter to be His follower and a leader of men. A sterling quality of Peter's life was that he left his nets to follow Jesus. Peter took Jesus at His word. This is *faith*. Let us now read the story behind this snapshot in Mark 1:14-20.

2nd Speaker—Peter's Great Confession

Peter, the ordinary man, became a great man because of his open confession of

Christ. To his fellow disciples he openly confessed Christ at a time of doubt and confusion. Peter was outspoken in his loyalty to Christ. Peter always led the twelve in this respect.

"Confession of Christ" is one of the four guiding principles of Christian Endeavor. A person cannot meet Jesus as the Christ and remain the same. A bad person becomes good. A good person becomes better. When one confesses Christ as his Lord and Saviour, he surrenders his life to Him for guidance and help. He yields to the influence of His spirit and teachings. Regardless of the condition of his life, Jesus gives it back to him in a new condition. Let's turn and read the record of Peter's great confession in Luke 9:18-22.

3rd Speaker — Peter Shares a High Moment with Jesus

Jesus worked hard. There were times when He retreated for rest and inspiration. Once He went up onto a mountain and talked with Moses and Elijah. Here Jesus received the approval of God in an unusual experience. Jesus was transfigured with glory and honor, and Peter was a witness of this event. We will now read about it in Mark 9:1-8.

4th Speaker—Peter's Denial

Peter was not without weaknesses. Peter had room for growth, and he did grow. He grew to become a prominent leader of the early church. We will see the height of his growth in future snapshots of his life.

The life of Peter reads like a romance. It is full of color and vigor. At times he was rash. At other times he was courageous. But he fell, and how he fell! He let his Master down "in the hour of trial." (Read *Matthew 26:69-75*.)

This threefold denial of Jesus by Peter was his greatest failure. Peter, the first disciple whom Jesus had called to Himself, wept later in remorse and sorrow over his sin.

Before we turn against Peter for saying, "I know not the man," let us examine our own lives. Have we ever denied Jesus entrance into our lives at home, at school, and in other activities?

Questions for Discussion

1. What would a snapshot of the life of an average church member reveal?
2. Can we be ourselves and still follow Jesus?
3. How can Christ be denied in our day?

Consecration Service

The counselor may talk about how Junior Highs must guard against closing parts of their lives to God. Stress the importance of making an open confession of Christ as Lord. It is easy for one to find faults in others and to overlook his own.

As the consecration roll is called, let each one give a definite suggestion as to how he can confess Christ this summer.

One Lord and Christ

No. 2 in a Series: "Foundation Facts"

Matthew 16:13-21

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE 1



Comments by Mrs. Ernest Hone, Jr.*

Advertise!

A poster alone will probably not draw a large attendance to your meetings. So this week, in addition to an effective poster, send each member a cardboard key inscribed:

KEY QUESTION: "Who say ye that I am?"

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Presentation of Key Question
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-21
Hymn: *O Worship the King*
Offering
Announcements
Special Music: *I Shall See the King*
Topic Discussion
Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Benediction

For the Leader

This will be a difficult topic for general discussion unless many of your group have a rich background of Bible study. Therefore, it might be best to select three young people, each of whom can present one of the talks. In addition to presiding, you can introduce the topic and present the summary at the conclusion of the meeting.

Introduction

When an important person is introduced or presented to a group, his credits are given, that is, his background, his achievements, the important offices or positions which he holds, and other outstanding facts or characteristics.

Tonight we are going to introduce to you the most important person on earth and in heaven, present some of His credits, and thus answer the question asked in our Scripture lesson, "Who say ye that I am?"

He is, of course, Jesus Christ, the only Son of the one true God, and Himself God also. But in seeking to satisfy fully all aspects of the question asked, our first speaker will establish the authority of Jesus (how we know who He is and what authority He has). The second speaker will explain the superiority of Jesus (some of His achievements which prove that He is superior to both men and angels). The third speaker will present the supremacy of Jesus (what it means in our own relationship to Him).

The Authority of Jesus

(Read the first chapter of the book of Hebrews.) This book was written to the Jewish Christians, who had to be reminded

of who Christ was perhaps more than any others—that He was not only the promised Messiah, the Son of God, but that He was God also. This is definitely established in 1:8, in which the Son is addressed as God, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." Christ was God not only before and during the time He became man, but He is still God today. As God, He took part in the creation of heaven and earth (1:10), and as God He sits on the right hand of God the Father, having inherited His deity and having been made higher than the angels. Unchanging, ageless, a separated and individual personality, Jesus Christ IS God.

Three evidences to assure us of this divinity are: 1. *He SAID He was God.* If He were only a prophet or a priest, He would have been rejected for being untruthful and untrustworthy. He was God, or He was an impostor, for He said He was God. 2. *He arose from the dead.* No other man has ever before or since been able to achieve this distinction. The resurrection is so unique that people then and now have tried to disbelieve or disprove or dispute its reality, simply because it is outside the realm of human possibility. 3. *Our experiences identify Him.* We know He is God by becoming acquainted with Him personally. He is a living and real personality, and we do not doubt the existence of someone we KNOW. If He is living within our hearts, we need no further proof of His divinity.

The Superiority of Jesus

(Read Hebrews 2:5-18.) We know by both the Bible and the historical records of men that Jesus was superior to all other human beings. This is what infuriated those who crucified Him; this is what made it impossible for Pilate to deliver a just sentence at His judgement; this is the reputation that has survived through centuries even among skeptics and unbelievers. His superiority was evident even to those who were not His followers. His enemies were confused and annoyed by the fact that the morality of Jesus was superior to the law. The law of Moses was their life, and fulfilling every letter of the law was the height of religious performance, and to realize that Jesus not only lived up to the law but also fulfilled it (Matthew 5:17) was almost beyond their comprehension.

We know also that Jesus, during His life on earth, demonstrated a superhuman sinlessness and an ability to withstand the temptations of Satan. This did not mean that His temptations were not real or undemanding. Hebrews 2:18 states that He *suffered* being tempted. Temptation was something that he *suffered* and endured and conquered, because even in His human form He was superior to Satan.

The first two chapters of Hebrews tell some very interesting things about angels; they are spiritual beings, messengers of

God; they are powerful creatures and have a place about the throne of God. In various other places throughout the Bible it is explained that God's angels "minister" unto us and look out for our physical safety. For a time Jesus was made lower than the angels, that He might suffer death, but now He is *higher* than the angels, superior to all other heavenly beings as He is superior to all earthly beings.

Jesus was superior to men, to the law, to Satan, and to angels, but His superiority was climaxed in His victory over death. Even for Christians, sometimes the thought of physical death is frightening, for it is without the realm of our experience. Yet in Hebrews 2:14,15, we are assured that Christ died to free us from the fear of death and the devil who has the power of death. If we are in Him, there is *no death*, for He has already endured it for us.

The Supremacy of Jesus

The supremacy of Jesus is established in the work that He continues as our Prophet, our Priest, and our King. The Old Testament Jews were looking for a prophet, and now Christ has fulfilled the need by His revelation of God's will for us through His Word and His Spirit.

He is our High Priest, for He offered Himself as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins (Hebrews 9:14), and even now He makes continual intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25). In His name we can even go directly to God, needing no other mediator. (See also Hebrews 10:11,12.)

Christ is not only our Prophet and our Priest, but also our King. This means that He rules over us completely. All that we do and say and are must be directed toward honoring and glorifying Him. As our King, He also restrains and will conquer all our enemies (I Corinthians 15:25). He is the very royalty of heaven, but yet he was willing to love us, to die for us, and to save us from death!

Conclusion

What would each of us answer if He asked us, as He did Peter, "Who do ye say that I am?" Can we answer without hesitation as Peter did, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God?" Can we answer because we have been convinced by the Biblical account of His life? Can we answer because we have been captivated by His love? Can we answer because we know Him as our Lord?

Our response to this question will determine the service we render to Christ. He promised the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter for his Christian profession. A key is a sign of blessings and opportunities which lie ahead. Can He trust us to bear witness faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to others? If so, we too can bear keys which will open the way to glorious blessings and opportunities for ourselves and other Christian youth in the service of the one Lord and Christ.

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"I Go a Fishing"

No. 2 in a Series: "Snapshots of Peter"

John 21:1-14



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 11

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirschy*

For the Counselor

The chairman or a member of the Look-
out (Membership) Committee should lead
this topic. It will provide an excellent op-
portunity for the committee to review its
work, especially of leading young people to
Christ.

At the close of the meeting, perhaps the
committee can be prepared to outline plans
for a visitation campaign among church
youth not attending Christian Endeavor or
an evangelistic drive to reach unchurched
youth for Christ and the church.

Do You Want to Go Fishing?

You have probably planned a lot of activi-
ties for the summer individually and as a
society. You may have planned a number
of fishing trips. Use this meeting as a
fishing trip, but keep your minds centered
around the thought of fishing for men.

Program Planning

1. Be sure to use publicity centering
around fishing. For example, make invita-
tions in the form of fish, rods, or lakes.
2. Plan to have fishing equipment to be
used by each speaker.
3. Stress the importance of displaying
the equipment during each talk and giving
without reading it verbatim.

Suggested Program Outline

- Prayer-Prayer Service
- Discussion of Fishing
- Chorus: *Fishers of Men*
- Opening Prayer by President
- Long Time
- Scripture: John 21:1-14
- Special Number
- Offering and Announcements
- Talks on Fishing
- Questions for Discussion
- Fishing Prayer (*Pray that all may be true
fishers of men.*)

Discussion of Fishing

Get pictures of a fishing trip, both in the
days of Peter and in our own day. Discuss
the importance of fishing. Use your Bibles
to look up the references which refer to
fish or fishing in the lives of Jesus and
Peter (Matthew 4:18-20; 14:15-21; 15:32-
38; 17:24-27; and Luke 2:1-9; 24:36-45).
Ask the group why Jesus referred to His
followers as fishers of men. Point out that
Peter became one of the leading fishermen
in this respect. Consider if it was wrong
that he returned to his former fishing in
John 21:3.

Don't linger on Peter's lack of faith on
this occasion, but hurry along to consider

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What can be used as bait to lead
youth to Christ?
2. Are there things which Christians should
not use as bait?
3. How should one use the Bible in leading
another to Christ?
4. Can every Christian youth lead another
to Christ?
5. Why do many church members hesitate
to become fishers of men?
6. What are the best places for fishing for
youth in our community?

the question, "Does *my* faith hold when
everything seems to go wrong?"

Prepare a list of the world's best fishing
areas and some of the best fishing areas in
your own locality. Then give a list, if pos-
sible, of the best areas of fishing for men.
You may be able to obtain necessary statis-
tics or information from your minister or
another adult leader.

Introduce the three talks on fishing equip-
ment and areas and the fishermen them-
selves which follow.

Equipment for Fishing

We could spend a whole hour examining
the different types of equipment that can
be used to catch fish. There are magazines
which describe in detail which equipment
is the best for different types of fish (*have
several magazines to show to the group*).
But for our purpose, we will choose only
the main items needed and discuss them
in comparison with fishing for men.

First is the rod or pole. Without this,
fishing would be of no avail unless one used
a net. When Peter went fishing he always
used a boat and a net. He would drag the
net behind the boat and then pull the fish
into the boat. Some still fish with nets
today.

One can catch fish with a pole, but he
needs also a line and a hook. There are
many types of hooks, and the type the fish-
ermen uses depends upon the type of fish
he hopes to catch. (*Display several types of
hooks.*)

As we observe the hook, we realize that
unless one has bait for the hook, the fish-
ing trip will be a waste of time. Bait is
needed to catch fish. Again the different
types of bait are used according to the
desires of the men doing the fishing.

The common worm is still used by many
today. It is effective because fish like the
worm and also because it has life which
can be seen by the fish.

The equipment for a fisher of men must
be simple but effective. The Bible is a
must, for its words serve as both the hook
and the bait. John 3:16 explains to the
entire world that God loves everybody.
And as bait, the Bible certainly presents
life for the one who reads it sincerely.

Along with the Bible, other helps such
as hymns, poems, personal testimonies, and

kind deeds help serve as equipment to
catch men for Jesus.

Areas for Fishing

There are many good places to fish in
our own section of the country. The main
difference among them is the type of water
in which the fish are caught. The kind of
fish one hopes to catch determines where
he will go to fish.

Some fish live in water that moves fast
and others in slow-moving water. Some
live in mountain streams, some in rivers,
and some in lakes. The fisherman must de-
cide which kind he wants.

Jesus said, "Go out into the highways
and hedges and compel them to come in,"
(Luke 14:23). So when we think of fishing
for men, we can catch them wherever they
live. People will become different kinds of
Christians because of their different back-
grounds and abilities, but all may become
followers of Christ. Regardless of one's
background or ability, Jesus said that there
will be more rejoicing by the angels in
heaven over the return of one lost sinner
than over the ninety and nine safe in the
fold.

So let's go fishing everywhere and win
others for Christ!

Fishers for Christ

Most important in catching fish is the
fisherman himself. To be a good fisherman
and to be able to catch fish, one must first
have the know-how of fishing. There is more
involved than the equipment and the place,
for it involves the *use* of the equipment.

A good fisherman knows what type of
hooks to use and the proper bait also. He
knows how to cast the hook into the water
and how to handle the rod so as to tempt
the fish to bite.

Jesus used different approaches and spoke
different words to different people whom
He sought to win. He told the weary to
come to Him for rest, He told the rich young
ruler to sell all his goods and give the
proceeds to the poor, He told the woman
taken in adultery to go and sin no more.
He knew *exactly* what each one needed to
do in order to become His follower.

It is hard for us to know just what others
need, but we must try to get well ac-
quainted with them and learn what they
lack in order to become Christians. Then
we must pray for God's help and try to
speak the right words and quote the right
Scriptures which will lead them to Christ.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been
selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS.
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One Spirit and Guide

No. 3 in a Series: "Foundation Facts"

John 16:1-13

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE 1

Comments by Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer*

To the Leader

This is the third of four meetings on the basic facts of the Christian religion. This particular topic enables you to bring to the attention of the youth in your society that the Holy Spirit was not only given to Christians during the early days of the church, but it is also given to us today. You should use illustrations and testimonies to demonstrate vividly the change that has taken place in men's lives when the Holy Spirit has come to them. Carefully examine and study the Scripture passages listed in the daily readings (see page 18). Also secure a concordance and look up other passages of Scripture which deal with the Holy Spirit. Note the effect of the Holy Spirit on the people of the early church and throughout the Bible.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Scripture: John 16:1-13
Sentence Prayer Period
Leader's Comments
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God*
Friendship Circle
Benediction

What Is Spirit?

The idea of spirit may be hard for us to grasp and understand, especially when we think of it in terms of the Holy Spirit as described in the Bible. As an illustration let us think of the human spirit and what it means to us.

The human spirit is manifest in every field of human endeavor. In sports two teams are often nearly equal so far as physical ability is concerned. Yet one team is far superior to the other on the field of play. The reason is that one team possesses that vital element we call spirit. We cannot discover it with our senses, but it is real to us nevertheless.

This spirit is essential in every other phase of life. When our school principal speaks about school spirit, he means that which is vital to the life of the school. We may speak about it in such terms as *esprit de corps* or even patriotism. The human spirit is an important factor in everything that man does.

The Holy Spirit in Scripture

After a consideration of the human spirit, it will now be easier for us to understand the workings of the Holy Spirit in the lives

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What men of the Old Testament were led by the Holy Spirit? How did the Spirit guide them?
2. What men and women were changed by the Holy Spirit in the New Testament? How did the Spirit change their lives?
3. Who are some people you know whose lives have been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit?
4. What are some areas of modern life which need the influence of Spirit-filled lives?
5. How can one receive the Holy Spirit? How does one know he has received the Spirit?

of men. When God as a Spirit deals with men as spirits, they become aware of a power other than themselves and infinitely greater, operating in the world. In the Old Testament this power was evident as God directed the lives of His prophets. He revealed His will to the prophets and directed them to proclaim that will to the people. This directing force was the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of men.

The New Testament reveals an even clearer view of the working of the Holy Spirit in men's lives. This is seen in the life of Jesus as well as the apostles who received the Spirit on Pentecost. Consider how completely the Holy Spirit dwelt in the life of Jesus. The Scriptures state that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35) and that He was led by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 4:1). The text of His sermon in the synagogue at Nazareth was "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Luke 4:18).

John promised that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Himself promised His followers that they should receive this Spirit. Finally the Spirit was given on the Pentecost narrated in Acts 2.

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is described as "a sound from heaven as of a mighty rushing wind." What a change took place in the lives of the disciples when they were given the Holy Spirit! They had been hiding fearfully in the upper room. Bound within this room the Christian faith was doomed to die. But suddenly the disciples were changed from defeated men to fervent messengers of their faith. Even the powers of Rome did not frighten them. However we may try to explain the event, it is clear that the confused disciples of Jesus were suddenly given incredible power to carry the faith of Jesus to the world. We call this power the Holy Spirit.

Nor was this the end. From that day to the end of their lives they were aware that they possessed this Spirit. They spoke of being filled with the Spirit, walking in the Spirit, being led by the Spirit, bearing witness with the Spirit, and enjoying the fruits of the Spirit. In addition, after Pentecost, other men began to feel the influence of the Spirit. For instance, Saul of Tarsus was

touched by the Holy Spirit and changed from a persecutor of the faithful to a proclaimer of the faith.

In speaking of the Holy Spirit's coming to His followers, Jesus in John 16:7 and other places used the word *Comforter*. Perhaps we mistake the meaning of this term. It does not mean ease and inactivity. The Revised Standard Version translates the word *Counselor*, and Phillips translates *Divine Helper*. These words imply activity and purpose. When the Spirit touches man's life there is always great activity and noble purpose.

The Holy Spirit among Us Today

Men pride themselves with their learning and scientific discoveries. But it is becoming increasingly clear that mankind needs something in addition to these accomplishments. He needs the ability to *control* that which he has discovered. It is also becoming clear that only a dedicated Christian way of life can bring this ability. And a dedicated life can come only through the work of the Holy Spirit on man's soul. We have been able to make the world a neighborhood. Our school plants are the finest in history. We have discovered the greatest source of physical power in the history of mankind. But unless we also open our lives to the Spirit of God, we will fight with our new neighbors, use our learning for destruction, and turn atomic power against civilization.

But there is still hope, for the Holy Spirit still enters men's hearts. He influences individuals in a variety of ways. To some He speaks through the Bible, to some in prayer, to others through the needs of friends.

Recently the Holy Spirit entered the life of Dick Foster, a young man from Trenton, New Jersey. He entered through the needs of Korean orphans whom Dick saw as a GI. The Holy Spirit has changed Dick from a steelworker to a student in seminary preparing for the ministry. But the Holy Spirit did much more. He also sent Dick out in search for funds with which to help Korean students through school in preparing for Christian work in their home land. To date Dick Foster has secured enough funds through his own efforts to insure the college education of three young Koreans.

No man can do such things by himself. He must turn his life over to God and receive His Spirit. From that moment a person becomes God's man or God's woman. His life no longer belongs to himself. He discovers that the promises of the Scriptures are real as he experiences the fruits of the Spirit in his life: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22,23).

No man should try to live without the Spirit of God. He is the means by which man is able to serve God acceptably and to find the fullness of life. And He is available to all who will submit themselves to God.

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"I Love Thee"

No. 3 in a Series: "Snapshots of Peter"

John 21:15-25



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 18

Comments by Mrs. George West*

Publicity

Announce your meeting in your class on Sunday morning. You might say something like this, "Have you loved someone very much and yearned to tell him or her about it? Somehow you couldn't get up the nerve. Tonight let us muster up this nerve and tell Christ of our love for Him. The meeting will be at _____ o'clock around a big bonfire outdoors. (Give location. If the weather does not permit, move indoors around a fireplace.) Come and place your fagot on the fire as you praise God. In implicitly we will tell Him of our love. Will you join in this Christian witness?"

Present a poster a week in advance, giving the topic title "I Love Thee." Include the place of meeting, time, and any special details of interest. Draw a fire in a circle with a bundle of fagots beside it and people sitting around the fire. Write below the drawing *Prove Your Love*.

For the Leader

This is a good opportunity to break away from the usual routine of always having your meeting in the same place. Changing the meeting place often would hinder the stability of the group; however, changing once in a while will stimulate interest. Summer is here or will soon be here, and all are anxious to get outdoors. It is also time that all make a Christian decision concerning the use of the summer months ahead.

Build a bonfire near a river, on the beach, or in a patio and sit around it for the fagot service. Let each one voluntarily have an opportunity to place his fagot on the fire as he tells why he is a Christian, what Christ means to him, and how he intends to serve Him during the summer months. Urge all to participate in this expression of love and adoration for the Saviour.

Make this a meeting of praise. Be first to show how to do it. The only light you need is the bonfire. The stillness of the evening will help you to realize God's nearness. Unannounced songs may be led intermittently with the testimonies, or special musical numbers planned in advance may be used this way. If the meeting is stirring (and it should be), a dedication prayer may follow these testimonies. Closing remarks should follow from you, the counselor, or minister.

You should be prepared to keep this moving. If there should be a lull in testimonies, inject a thought or question to stimulate thought. Suggestions and questions on this page will help you. This meeting can mark a milestone in your lives if adequate preparation is made.

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MAY, 1961

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Who loved first?
2. How can we show Christ openly that we love Him?
3. How can we grow in our Christian love this summer?
4. Is our love for God different than our love for others?
5. Does church attendance during the summer have any relationship to our love for God?

rations are made and members are willing to participate.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Opening Hymn: *The Love of God*

Opening Prayer

Hymns: *More Like the Master; I Am Thine, O Lord; No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus; Have Thine Own Way, Lord; and My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Announcements and Offering

Special Music: *The Lover of My Soul*

Scripture: John 21:15-25

Sentence Prayers

Fagot Service

Dedication Prayer

Questions for Discussion

Life Situation

Closing Thoughts: Leader, Counselor, or Minister

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Thoughts for the Fagot Service

At last, Peter learned really to love Christ. Earlier, he thought he loved Christ and was confident that he would always be faithful to Him. However, he fell through cursing and denying any knowledge of Christ. Later he repented however, and Christ must have forgiven him when He appeared to Peter following His resurrection (I Corinthians 15:5).

Once his self-confidence was shattered, then Peter was able to love Christ more than himself and to place his trust wholly in Christ. And when he had firmly stated his love for Christ, then Christ commissioned him to feed His sheep, as read in our Scripture lesson for tonight.

Christ calls us also and asks us to follow Him. We too must "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

We are chosen by God. He has chosen us to inherit His kingdom. God reveals this great truth to us; we open our hearts, and He enters. From this time on we are never lonely, for He is with us always. This is the beginning of a beautiful, rich life with a close walk side by side with the Lover of our souls. Until this, life has never been so lovely, so beautiful, so joyful, so rewarding. Our Creator has now brought us to the fullness of life in Christ.

As summer approaches, we disrupt our organized way of life for a few months of change and relaxation. Our routine changes

in order that our bodies may have physical and mental rest. But never should we relax *spiritually!* Summer is our opportunity to grow spiritually. A change of pace gives us more time to delve into *the Word*, to dig out treasures to hide in our hearts, to grow spiritually. A strong spiritual life strengthens our mental processes and our physical bodies.

We can draw near to God at Christian Endeavor conferences high in the mountains or near a lake. Away from the busy freeways and noisy airstrips, we realize that God is near and it seems almost possible to reach up and touch Him. Summer may be a slowing down process physically but a speeding up process spiritually if we desire. Don't waste this valuable summer. Invest it in treasures that are eternal!

While on vacation attend church. God intends for us to set aside the Lord's Day and to worship Him wherever we are.

Life Situation

Joe is a generous boy at school. He wants to be popular and has heard this is one of the important rules for popularity. He gives freely of the money which is given to him by his wealthy father. He is polite and courteous, and this gives him the reputation of "a great guy."

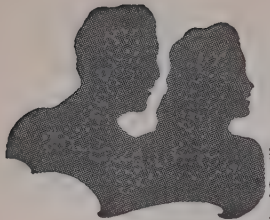
Then there is Ron, who has to sacrifice to be generous. Ron doesn't have the rich father, but instead he works after school and week ends to pay his own way. He doesn't have as much time for gracious acts, although he too is courteous and polite. He doesn't have time to think up nice things to do for people as Joe does.

It is easy for Joe to exhibit love with time on his hands and plenty of easy money. It is hard for Ron because of his lack of money and spare time. Are both manifesting the love of Christ? Does one necessarily show more love than the other?

Closing Thoughts

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (I Corinthians 13:13). We know how important love is, but do we know the *depth* of its meaning? Only God knows the fullness of love as demonstrated through the glorious life of His Son. Even His profound love at the cross was increased in the resurrection.

Our finite minds can't possibly know its volume. However, we can continue to grow in our ability to love. If we love, love surrounds us. If we hate, hate suffocates us. Love works no ill to one's neighbor but is the fulfilling of the law of God. Are we motivated by love or by selfishness? Do we retreat quickly when giving of self is required? Love is the clue to witnessing for Christ. The world opens up to us as we open up our hearts to others. Do we love Christ? Inasmuch as we love Him, then we serve Him and witness to others about Him.



One Inspired Book

No. 4 in a Series: "Foundation Facts"

II Timothy 3:14-17

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE 2

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney*

Aims

1. To discover helpful ways to study the Bible.
2. To develop greater appreciation of the Bible.
3. To understand the purpose of the Bible.
4. To decide to study the Bible more carefully.

Promoting the Meeting

Enlist the cooperation of your pastor in securing for display in the church vestibule a wide variety of Bibles, including the original Hebrew and Greek, translations into various languages such as French, German, and Spanish, and various English translations. Thus demonstrate that our present Bible has come to us from various translations and has been made available for many nations; yet it is still *One Inspired Book*. Announce that the Scripture lesson will be read from four different translations by four carefully selected young people. Publicize Bible quiz games as an after-meeting fellowship period.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Blessed Assurance
Prayer Period
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Trust And Obey*
Scripture: II Timothy 3:14-17
Leader's Introduction
Discussion by Three Speakers
Question for Discussion
Hymn: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*
Closing Prayer and Benediction
Bible Quiz Games

Leader's Introduction

As we open the English Bible today, it appears to be one book. In reality, however, it is a divine grouping together of 66 booklets, written centuries apart by many writers of contrasting abilities. 39 of these brief booklets were written in Hebrew during the centuries before Christ's birth. They are called the Old Testament. The remaining 27 were written in Greek during the first century following the death of Christ and are known as the New Testament.

The authors of these 66 booklets were all God-seeking men. In long hours of fellowship with God, they received and recorded the messages which He revealed to them. Whenever there was a need for a translation of the Bible, God directed outstanding scholars in the task of translating accurately. First, the Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek about 277 B.C. It is called the Septuagint and is the work of 70 Jewish scholars in Alexandria.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is the Bible different from all other religious books?
2. What is your favorite chapter in the Bible?
3. What method of Bible study have you found most helpful?
4. Why is the Bible the world's best seller?
5. Does the Bible contradict itself?
6. Why is it necessary to know the context of quotations from the Bible?

When Latin replaced Greek as the popular language, a Latin translation appeared from the pen of Jerome in the fourth century.

His famous translation, called the Vulgate, illumined men's minds throughout the Dark Ages and was one of the chief means of perpetuating and spreading the Christian faith. It was the basic text from which the first translations were made into English, German, and other European languages. William Tyndale, in 1525, was the first to print the New Testament in the English language. The King James or Authorized Version was the work of a group of scholars in 1611. Many other translations have followed, most recently the New English Bible. Today the Bible is the best seller in many languages. It is the universal book of mankind. Three speakers will now help us appreciate more fully this divine Book.

A Book for Study

God's Book has value for us only as we read and study it. Paul reminded Timothy (II Timothy 3:14,15) of his early training in the Scriptures and urged him to continue in a lifetime study of its inspired pages. Daily Bible reading is part of our Christian Endeavor pledge and the privilege of all Comrades of the Quiet Hour. The more famous passages of the Bible should be read and reread frequently and thus become fixed in our memory.

It may be helpful to begin your Bible study with the Gospels or the Book of Acts. Then turn to the Psalms and the Epistles. Read the entire Bible through rapidly on a daily reading program. You will thus feel the unity, beauty, and power of the Book as a whole. As a masterpiece of literature, the Bible is unrivalled in its poetry, its understanding of human nature, and its matchless short stories. One of the busiest editors of a metropolitan newspaper remarked recently that he was "reading the Bible all the way through for a fifth time." Memorize many golden texts for meditation in moments of waiting, for comfort and guidance in times of perplexity, and to assist yourself in all phases of Christian testimony and service.

A Book of Inspiration

Paul assures Timothy that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (I Timothy 3:16). Though the 66 books of the Bible were written by numerous writers who lived

centuries apart in time, yet God was source of their writing. He was the directing Mind which inspired their thinking and brought their harmonious writings into a single volume for the eternal blessing of a men everywhere. This inspired Book is not the product of man's best thought about God. It differs from all other religious literature in that it is God's *revelation* of Himself to man so that we might know Him in all the wonder of His love and power. God revealed Himself gradually, just as rapidly as men could understand Him. These progressive revelations culminate in the life and teaching of Jesus, God's own Son.

The Bible also reveals what God demands of us and what is our duty to Him. It is God's answer to the problems of faith and conduct which are perplexing us. We learn by the experience of others what effect sin has on individuals and nations and what rewards of happiness follow obedience. We hear the direct commands of God, His warnings of punishment for disobedience, and His gracious assurance of forgiveness to the penitent. Because the Bible is God's message to us, we should read it prayerfully. We should ask Him to help us understand His truth more clearly. We seek His assistance as we strive to live in harmony with His revealed will.

A Book of Salvation

In II Timothy 3:17, Paul emphasized God's purpose in giving to mankind *One Inspired Book*. The Bible was written to lead the reader along the path of salvation and to fit him for effective service in God's cause. For the accomplishment of that divine purpose, only God could direct the writing and preservation of the Bible.

Paul did not state that the Bible is a book of prophecy to unroll the future as a divine timetable and thus to indicate when great events are to happen or when the world is to come to an end. Nor did he regard the Bible as a book of inspired science to save men the trouble of careful investigation of nature and to teach geology or astronomy. Nor did Paul understand the Bible as an infallible textbook of history to inform us how long Sennacherib and Sargon ruled in Assyria or how many men were killed in these devastating wars.

No, the Bible was not intended to be a textbook of prophecy or science or history, although it does contain much valuable information in all these fields of human interest. These are trivial matters. Man can learn these things for himself. God had a far nobler purpose in giving us the Holy Scriptures. He was interested in saving men's souls and so gave to us a Book that can and does indicate the path to individual and national salvation. The Bible is the inspired moral and spiritual guide. Every sincere child of God re-echoes the cry of the psalmist, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

"Now I Know"

No. 4 in a Series: "Snapshots of Peter"

Acts 12:5-17



Junior High (12-14 Years)

JUNE 25

Comments by Mr. Charles O. Heyward*

For the Leader

This topic has a very personal message in which each young person should have a personal interest. Try to get everyone to take some part in the meeting. Ask the Lookout Committee to challenge each member to invite personally someone to the meeting. See that all details in preparation for the meeting are completed well in advance so that your mind and the minds of everyone else may be concentrated on the message of the topic when the meeting begins. Pray much for the meeting.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service: *I Am Thine, O Lord*, and *Saved to Tell Others*
Announcements and Offering
Scripture: Acts 12:5-17 (responsively by two readers)
Benediction Prayers
Hymn: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *Blessed Assurance or Trust and Obey*
Closing Prayer

Leader's Opening Remarks

For the past three weeks we have been looking into the life and experiences of one of the leading apostles of Christ. Lessons learned in the lives of others are often lessons for our own lives, and this is certainly true of Peter's life. Peter grew from an unfaithful weakling into a strong leader of men and the writer of two powerful letters of the New Testament—because he was willing to learn lessons from the master teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In our last three meetings we have studied Peter in his relationship with the Lord before He ascended to His Father. In our Scripture lesson for this evening, Christ has returned to heaven and is working in His disciples' lives through the Holy Spirit and—in this experience of Peter—through one of His messengers, an angel. Because Christ also works through the Holy Spirit in our lives today, perhaps we can better understand Peter's experiences in the Book of Acts. First let us review a few of the lessons Peter learned from the Lord after the latter returned to heaven.

First Speaker

Fifty days after Jesus had promised His disciples the Holy Spirit in order that they might have power to do great things in His name, Peter saw that promise fulfilled. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, and Peter found himself preaching to thousands of people with a power which he had never had before. 3,000 people received Christ as their Saviour and Lord as a result of Peter's preaching (Acts 2:37-41). How

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PURPOSE OF THE TOPIC

That Junior Highs may realize that the Christian's daily life should not consist of hoping, but of **knowing**—of believing God's promises and being assured of His love and care.

amazed he must have been at his own boldness as he preached about Jesus Christ as the risen Lord! As he saw the thousands gladly receive his message, he must have thought in his heart, "*Now I know* that the Holy Spirit has come, and has great power, even as the Lord said!"

Second Speaker

Peter learned another wonderful lesson while he and John were once on their way to the temple in Jerusalem. Having no money to give a crippled beggar outside the gate of the temple, Peter said to him, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). By the power of the Holy Spirit, whom Christ had sent to the apostles, the man's feet and ankle bones became well and strong. Once again Peter realized that with God all things are possible. This miracle gave him another opportunity to preach, and 5,000 more were converted. The next day, when Peter testified how the man was healed, and that only through Jesus Christ can anyone be saved, the Jewish council realized that uneducated Peter and John had such great boldness and power because they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

Third Speaker

In the tenth chapter of Acts there is told another great lesson that Peter was taught by the Lord. Through an amazing dream and the carrying out of a wonderful plan by the Lord, Peter was led to bring the Roman soldier Cornelius and his family and friends to Christ. This was a tremendous lesson to Peter. For the first time, he realized that God was to bring salvation to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews, and he said, "Of a truth I perceive (*now I know*) that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). God is not partial to any one race. He will save all who are willing to come to Him through Christ.

Fourth Speaker

In the Scripture passage for our topic this evening Peter learned another lesson—that God will not allow the acts of men to keep Him from fulfilling His purpose in the life of one of His servants, and that a Christian can trust completely in God's protective hand no matter what the circumstances are. When the angel came and set Peter free, Peter thought that it was a vision, that it was not really happening. This probably means that he did not really expect God to rescue him and that he expected that he would soon be put to death. It was not until he was in the street out-

side the prison walls that he came to his senses and knew that God had rescued him.

Fifth Speaker

The friends of Peter at the home of Mark's mother also learned a great lesson. When Rhoda, who was a girl possibly about our age, answered the knock at the gate and found that it was Peter, she ran in to tell the rest, forgetting even to let him in. Even though Peter's friends had been praying that God would save Peter from death, they told Rhoda, "You're out of your mind!" When they finally went to answer Peter's knocking, they were amazed to find that it *was* Peter. God had merely answered their prayers. Perhaps then they remembered Christ's promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). And in their joy of seeing Peter again they also could say, "*Now we know* that God does answer prayer and that He does keep His promises!"

For Discussion

1. Read I Thessalonians 5:17. How was this teaching proved right in our Scripture lesson for this evening? Do you think that Peter's friends *really* believed that their prayers were going to be answered? Why?

2. Is there evidence that Herod was afraid that Peter would be set free? (See verse 6.) On what other important occasion did men fail in trying to prevent God's plans from being carried out? (See Matthew 27:66 and 28:2-4.)

3. James, the brother of John, had already been executed for his faithfulness to the Lord. Peter had good reason to believe that he would be next, yet what was he doing (verse 6) which indicated that he had no fear? Do you think that Peter had possibly memorized Isaiah 26:3? Why?

4. Peter finally *knew* in his heart that God had rescued him from prison and death. What things are we taught to *know* or to *be sure* of in the Christian life? See the following verses: I John 5:13, Philipians 4:19, I Corinthians 10:13; I John 5:14,15; I John 1:9.

Closing Thought

David once wrote long ago, "Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." He said in another Psalm, "Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." Peter probably knew much about trust. His temperament was the kind that was used to the quick squalls on the Sea of Galilee, but he had learned how to ride through them undisturbed to the calmer waters. He later wrote, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." This really means, "Unload your anxiety upon Him—back your truck up, tilt it up and let down the tailboard. Let it all pour out upon Him, for He cares that much." Should not each day we live be joyous when we think of how much God cares?

—Adapted from S. D. Gordon

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for June, 1961. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M. May 29	Jesus Meets Peter	Mark 1:16-33
T. May 30	Peter Lacks Faith	Matthew 14:27-33
W. May 31	Peter's Great Confession	Luke 9:18-22
T. June 1	Peter's Denial	Mark 14:54-72
F. June 2	Peter Witnesses the Transfiguration	Mark 9:1-8
S. June 3	Christ Foretells Peter's Denial	Luke 22:31-34
Sun. June 4	Topic: "I Know Not the Man"	Matthew 26:33-35, 69-75
M. June 5	Peter's Impulsiveness	Matthew 17:1-4
T. June 6	Peter's Submission	John 13:3-9
W. June 7	Peter's Insight	John 6:66-69
T. June 8	Peter Afar Off	Matthew 26:57-58
F. June 9	Thomas Doubts	John 20:24-25
S. June 10	Thomas Believes	John 20:26-31
Sun. June 11	Topic: "I Go a Fishing"	John 21:1-14
M. June 12	The Man That Loves God	Psalms 1:1-6
T. June 13	Prayer for Forgiveness	Psalms 51:1-12
W. June 14	The Test of Discipleship	John 13:33-35
T. June 15	Christian Love	I John 3:16-24
F. June 16	Love for One Another	I John 4:7-13
S. June 17	God Is Love	I John 4:14-21
Sun. June 18	Topic: "I Love Thee"	John 21:15-25
M. June 19	God Knows Our Ways	Job 23:10-14
T. June 20	I Know My Redeemer Lives	Job 19:23-27
W. June 21	One Thing I Know	John 9:8-27
T. June 22	Peter's Vision	Acts 11:1-18
F. June 23	More Than Conquerors	Romans 8:35-39
S. June 24	I Shall Know in Full	I Corinthians 13:9-12
Sun. June 25	Topic: "Now I Know"	Acts 12:5-17

Senior High-Young People's Daily Readings

M. May 29	Eternal God	Exodus 3:11-22
T. May 30	Immutable God	Psalms 33:1-22
W. May 31	Almighty God	I Chronicles 29:10-13
T. June 1	Omniscient God	Romans 1:8-32
F. June 2	Omnipresent God	Psalms 139:7-12
S. June 3	Loving God	John 3:1-21
Sun. June 4	Topic: One God and Father	John 4:24
M. June 5	The Eternal Word	John 1:1-5
T. June 6	The Way, the Truth, the Life	John 14:6
W. June 7	Saviour of Mankind	Romans 5:1-21
T. June 8	Head of the Church	Colossians 1:18-20
F. June 9	The Changeless Christ	Hebrews 13:5-21
S. June 10	King of Kings and Lord of Lords	Revelation 19:9-16
Sun. June 11	Topic: One Lord and Christ	Matthew 16:13-21
M. June 12	Author of the New Birth	I John 5:1-4
T. June 13	Source of Wisdom	Isaiah 11:2
W. June 14	Source of Miraculous Power	Romans 15:16-19
T. June 15	Our Comforter	John 14:23-31
F. June 16	Our Teacher	I Corinthians 2:1-13
S. June 17	Gift of the Holy Spirit	Acts 8:14-17
Sun. June 18	Topic: One Spirit and Guide	John 16:1-13
M. June 19	"A Lamp unto My Feet"	Psalms 119:105-112
T. June 20	Given by Inspiration	II Peter 1:12-21
W. June 21	Profitable for Instruction	Romans 15:1-6
T. June 22	Expounded by Christ	Luke 24:24-32
F. June 23	Taught by Apostles	Acts 8:26-39
S. June 24	An Everlasting Testimony	Psalms 119:137-144
Sun. June 25	Topic: One Inspired Book	II Timothy 3:14-17

COMING EVENTS For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

MAY

- 5-7—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, New York, New York
- 5-7—Colorado, Estes Park (Spring Conference)
- 13—Ontario, Hamilton (Junior Convention)

JUNE

- 9-11—New York, Briarcliff Manor, King's College
- 15-18—Texas, Houston
- 19-25—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
- 21-24—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Junior Conference)
- 22-25—California, Pasadena
- 24-July 1—Massachusetts, Northfield

JULY

- 3-8—Washington, Warm Beach Conference Grounds (Leadership Conference)
- 5-8—46th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Chicago, Illinois
- 7—Illinois, Chicago
- 7—Indiana, Chicago
- 7—Michigan, Chicago
- 7—Ohio, Chicago
- 17-21—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Young People's Conference)
- 21-23—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Adult-Alumni Retreat)
- 24-27—West Virginia, Buckhannon
- 24-29—Pennsylvania, Grove City College (Summer Assembly)

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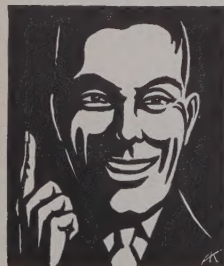
Topics for JUNE

- June 4 Paul and Silas Acts 16:25-34
- June 11 Let's Choose a Story Mark 2:1-5, 11, 13
- June 18 Let's Dramatize a Story Mark 10:17-22
- June 25 What Is a Committee? I Corinthians 14:4

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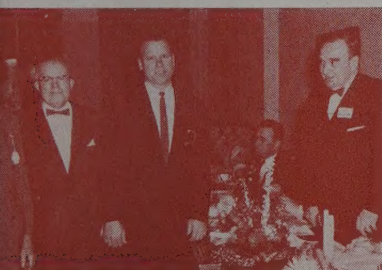
NEWS

from around the world

endeavors of the United Brethren in Christ Church, Charlotte, Michigan, emphasized missions in Africa during their Christian Endeavor Week activities. Alice Blodgett and Bernadine Hoffman, missionaries on furlough, spoke and showed pictures. Offerings from both meetings were used for medical missions. Over 150 were present when Christian Endeavor Day was served in the morning church service, according to report given by Mrs. Geraldine Whitney, president of the society.



Leaders at the recent first anniversary dinner of the Roanoke Adult Fellowship are (left to right) Cecil A. Jeffery, the speaker; Mrs. Adean Z. Long, Virginia president; Iris M. Cooper, Roanoke Union president; and Frank P. Wilson, state union field work superintendent. During the week's tour of the state, accompanied by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jeffery spoke to groups in Fredericksburg, Richmond, Norfolk, and Staunton, in addition to several events in Roanoke.



Daniel A. Poling (right) installed these new trustees during the annual banquet of the Poling Alumni Foundation No. 1 in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 22, and gave the message. Trustees (left to right) Fred Faile, Alvin Beeler, Frank [unclear], and Wilbert Warnicke. Mrs. C. A. Berry continues as president of the group. Dr. Poling is accompanied by Mrs. Poling and his grandson "Corky" at the banquet. This group will serve its 50th anniversary in 1962.

Interested in using Gospel films on a free-will offering basis? Write to Church Film Library, Box 218, Holland, Michigan, for complete information. Among the films available with special appeal to youth are "Teens for Christ," "Call of the Navahos," "Captured by the Indians," and "George Muller—Man of Faith and Prayer."

ATTENTION, WRITERS! Are you interested in preparing articles on spiritual guidance, beamed to teen-agers? Would you like to report on a "how-to-do-it" idea or give guidance for successful committee work at the society or union level? Such materials are needed for **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD**. For more information, write to the editor, Phyllis I. Rike.

An all-piano record album, titled "Melody Divine," and featuring Dick Bolks, has just been released. Dick is a member of the Gospelaires Quartet and an active Michigan Christian Endeavor leader, well-known for his musical talent.

A full day's schedule of activities was planned for Westchester County's annual convention February 22. Sessions were held at the Community Church of the Pelhams, Pelham, New York. Theme for the event was "Seek Ye the Lord." Special activities were scheduled for Juniors during the day. Speaker at the closing evening session was Rev. Andrew E. Whitted, pastor of St. Catherine's A.M.E. Zion Church of New Rochelle. Mrs. Barbara Hoffman is union president.

Three summer conferences are offered this year for girls interested in nursing as a career, sponsored by the Nurses Christian Fellowship (a division of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship). Conference folders may be obtained by writing to 1519 North Astor Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

New Jersey Endeavorers are helping support two Korean orphans. Ten-year-old Choi Choon Shik is the new "brother" of Endeavorers in the Garden State and eight-year-old Kim Young Hei their new "sister." Under the leadership of Dick Foster, state missionary chairman, 26 societies in the state have pledged one dollar per month toward the support of this project.

Planning to march in the parade at Chicago July 8 during the International Convention? Check the International Society Publishing Department for a list of materials suitable for parade regalia—Christian Endeavor hats, jackets, T-shirts, ties, monogram cut-outs, etc. Now is the time to order your supplies. Write to Carl F. Herrmann, manager, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.



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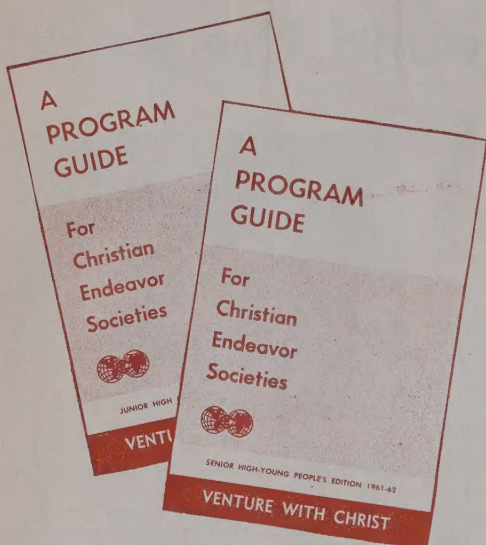
Some of the group of over 75 who attended the Chicago (Illinois) Union's leadership training classes at Hope Reformed Church are shown above. Robert C. Ross is leading an opening song service with Rev. John Muller, host pastor, at the piano. Three classes were held, with Mr. Ross leading the group for sponsors; Julian Moran of Crown Point, Indiana, in charge of the class for society, division, and union officers; and Analouise Rinehart directing the studies of Christian Endeavor society members. Classes were held on four alternate Friday nights in January and February.



The Midwinter Workshop of the Minnesota Union, called a "summit conference," was held February 11 in Brainerd. Nearly 300 attended, including youth, leaders, and ministers. The day included workshops, "how to do it" demonstrations, and a closing banquet. Pictured with the summit centerpiece are Jay Beaumont, acting president of the Minnesota Union, and Bill Hay (right).

Brother Bill Turnage of Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas, spoke at the Galveston County Birthday Banquet at Santa Fe High School. Approximately 75 attended.

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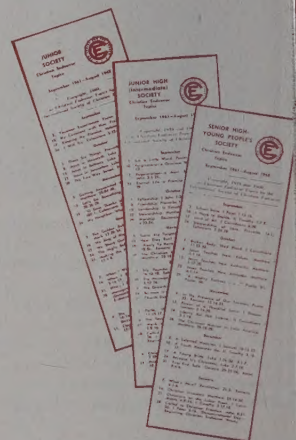
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